Use of Compressed Natural Gas in Government Vehicles

2767. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of compressed natural gas in Government vehicles is proving expensive;

(b) whether maintenance and safety of vehicles run by compressed natural gas is difficult; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is supplied @ 8.12 per petrol litre equivalent as against Rs. 21.13/Litre of petrol. Though the maintenance of CNG driven vehicle is not difficult, Government have no separate feedback as to the expenditure incurred on maintenance of such vehicles.

LPG Bottling Plants in the Country

2768. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG bottling plants of various companies functioning in different parts of the country, till-date State-wise;

(b) the capacity of each of the plant;

(c) whether Government propose to establish more LPG bottling plants in different States of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) There are 87 LPG bottling plants operating in the country with a capacity of 3235 TMTPA.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement is annexed below.

Statement

New Bottling Plants to be set up as per the VIII Plan Proposals

State	No. of Bottling Plants	Capacity in TMTPA
Andhra Pradesh	2	70
Arunachal Pradesh	1	5
Assam	2	44
Bihar	2	32
Goa	2	22
Gujarat	4	178
Jammu & Kashmir	2	25
Karnataka	1	22
Kerala	1	22
Madhya Pradesh	3	42
Maharashtra	3	84
Meghalaya	1	5
Mizoram	1	5
Manipur	1	10
Nagaland	1	5
Punjab	1	34
Rajasthan	1	22
Tripura	1	5
Tamil Nadu	9	186
Uttar Pradesh	6	82
West Bengal	4	86
Andaman & Nicobar	1	5

Outbreak of Fire in Mandapeta Oilfield in Kakinada

2769. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out in the Mandapeta oilfield of ONGC in Kakinada, while drilling was going on there;

(b) what measures were taken to control this fire and whether indigenous technology was used;

(c) what was the extent of damage caused by the fire and how many such incidents took place during the last three years, with locations of oilwells; and

(d) what security arrangements are made before starting drilling?